

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, and agreed to Military Air Operations Authorization Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3065–S3157

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 678–692, S. Res. 72–73, and S. Con. Res. 21–22. **Pages S3122–23**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–34)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations”. (S. Rept. No. 106–35)

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

S. Res. 54, condemning the escalating violence, the gross violation of human rights and attacks against civilians, and the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone.

S. Res. 68, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

S. 688, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. **Pages S3121–22**

Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate passed S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on the following amendments: **Pages S3065–94, S3103–09**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Bingaman/Bond) Amendment No. 125, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of the sequential billing policy in making payments to home health agencies under the medicare program. **Pages S2077–78**

Stevens (for Leahy/Jeffords/Collins) Amendment No. 126, to appropriate an additional amount to promote the recovery of the apple industry in New England, with an offset. **Pages S3077–78**

Stevens (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 127, to provide adversely affected crop producers with additional time to make fully informed risk management decisions for the 1999 crop year. **Pages S3077–78**

Gramm Amendment No. 128, to eliminate any emergency designations from the bill and provide additional offsets from unused fiscal year 1999 emergency spending. **Pages S3078–80**

Gramm Amendment No. 129 (to Amendment No. 128), to eliminate any emergency designations from the bill. **Pages S3078–80**

Murkowski Amendment No. 130, to maintain existing marine activities in Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. (By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Robb Amendment No. 131, to authorize payments in settlement of claims for deaths arising from the accident involving a United States Marine Corps A–6 aircraft on February 3, 1998, near Cavalese, Italy. **Page S3085–88**

Stevens (for Helms) Amendment No. 132, to appropriate, with a rescission, funds for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Pages S3104–06**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 133, to make available certain funds for regional applications programs at the University of Northern Iowa consistent with the direction in the report to accompany

Public Law 105-277, and to reduce the amount of certain rescinded funds under the heading Operations, Research and Facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

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Stevens Amendment No. 134, to allow military technicians while deployed to receive per diem expenses.

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Stevens Amendment No. 135, to provide funds for the construction of the Pike's Peak Summit House, and for the Borough of Ketchikan to participate in a study of the feasibility and dynamics of manufacturing veneer products in Southeast Alaska.

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Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 136, to provide for a limitation on certain fishing permits or authorizations.

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Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 137, to provide that the Corps of Engineers is directed to reprogram certain funds made available for the operation of the Pick-Sloan project to perform the preliminary work needed to transfer Federal lands to the tribes and State of South Dakota, and to provide funds for the protection of certain Indian cultural sites.

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Stevens Amendment No. 138, to provide limited operational leasing authority to the Secretary of the Air Force.

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Stevens (for Enzi/Bingaman) Amendment No. 139, to provide emergency relief to the livestock industry.

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Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 140, to provide emergency relief to the domestic oil and gas industry.

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Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 141, to establish an emergency oil and gas guaranteed loan program.

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Withdrawn:

Hutchison Amendment No. 81, to set forth restrictions on deployment of United States Armed Forces in Kosovo.

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Subsequently, Lott Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 81), to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations, fell when Amendment No. 81 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 142, to provide that the presiding officer of the Senate should apply all precedents of the Senate under rule 16, in effect at the conclusion of the 103rd Congress.

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Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 113, to provide for a limitation on certain fishing permits or authorizations. (By unanimous consent, Senate vitiated the adoption of Amendment No. 113 which occurred on Thursday, March 18, 1999, and was subsequently withdrawn.)

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During consideration of this bill today, the Senate took the following action:

By 55 nays to 44 nays (Vote No. 55), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 81), to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations.

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Military Air Operations Authorization: By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 57), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the President of the United States to conduct military air operations and missile strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

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Robert C. Weaver Federal Building: Senate passed S. 67, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building".

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Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 437, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 338 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse".

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Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building: Senate passed S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building".

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Robert K. Rodibaugh U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse: Senate passed S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

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Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President.

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James F. Battin U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 158, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President.

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Richard C. White Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President.

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Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President.

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El Salvador Free Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

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Congressional Budget—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, on Wednesday, March 24, 1999.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gary L. Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2001.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Measures Referred:

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Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3556.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY/AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Army and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; and Ruby B. Demesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Rita Colwell, Director, and Eamon M. Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board, both of the National Science Foundation; and Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

PROLIFERATION THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on the proliferation threat and the programs and policies of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy to counter this threat, after receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Department of Energy; Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Threat Reduction, Jay Davis, Director, Defense Threat Reduction